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House Bills

HB 2275 by Representative Fisher

Revising laws relating to transportation governance and projects.

Declares an intent to establish policy goals for the operation, performance of, and investment in, the state's transportation system. The policy goals shall consist of the following benchmark categories, adopted by the state's blue ribbon commission on transportation on November 30, 2000. In addition to improving safety, public investments in transportation shall support achievement of these and other priority goals: No interstate highways, state routes, and local arterials shall be in poor condition; no bridges shall be structurally deficient, and safety retrofits shall be performed on those state bridges at the highest seismic risk levels; traffic congestion on urban state highways shall be significantly reduced and be no worse than the national mean; delay per driver shall be significantly reduced and no worse than the national mean; per capita vehicle miles traveled shall be maintained at 2000 levels; the nonauto share of commuter trips shall be increased in urban areas; administrative costs as a percentage of transportation spending shall achieve the most efficient quartile nationally; and the state's public transit agencies shall achieve the median cost per vehicle revenue hour of peer transit agencies, adjusting for the regional cost-of-living.

Declares that these policy goals shall be the basis for establishment of detailed and measurable performance benchmarks.

Declares an intent to create an independent and objective transportation accountability board to establish performance measures and benchmarks to ensure transportation system performance at all levels of government.

Provides for alternative delivery procedures for construction services.

Revises apprenticeship provisions and makes adjustments to prevailing wage provisions.

Provides for transportation planning and efficiency requirements.

-- 2001 2ND SPECIAL SESSION --

Jun 21 First reading, referred to Rules Review.

HB 2276 by Representatives Hunt and DeBolt

Changing provisions relating to reclaimed water use.

Declares that "agricultural processing" means the processing of crops or milk to produce a product primarily for wholesale or retail sale for human or animal consumption, including but not limited to potato, fruit, vegetable, and grain processing, and brewing.

Provides that "agricultural water use" means the use of water for irrigation and other uses related to the production of agricultural products. These uses include, but are not limited to, construction, operation, and maintenance of agricultural facilities and livestock operations at farms,

ranches, public and private fish rearing facilities, dairies, and nurseries. Examples of these uses include, but are not limited to, dust control, temperature control, and fire control.

-- 2001 2ND SPECIAL SESSION --

Jun 21 First reading, referred to Rules Review.

HB 2277 by Representative Ogden

Providing for public financing of Public-Private Initiative Projects.

Finds that greater flexibility to provide state financing for projects developed under chapter 47.46 RCW will result in better use of public resources, lower financing costs, and potential savings to taxpayers.

Declares an intent to: Clarify the ability of the department of transportation to use public and private financing for projects selected and developed under chapter 47.46 RCW; provide the department with specific means of state financing where that financing is in the public's best interest; provide citizens living in the impacted areas a statutory mechanism to review proposed toll rates and provide input before adoption of toll schedules by the toll authority; and prevent unreasonable delay of critical transportation projects that are essential for public safety and welfare.

-- 2001 2ND SPECIAL SESSION --

Jun 21 First reading, referred to Rules Review.

HB 2278 by Representatives Mulliken, Mielke, McMorris, Buck, Cox, Lisk, Clements, Sump, Schindler, Delvin, Armstrong, Ericksen, Schoesler, Crouse, Benson, Ahern, Morell, Casada, DeBolt, Alexander, Mastin and B. Chandler

Revising provisions relating to land use planning.

Revises provisions relating to land use planning.

-- 2001 2ND SPECIAL SESSION --

Jun 21 First reading, referred to Rules Review.

Senate Bills

SB 6210 by Senators Swecker, Carlson, Morton, Oke and Roach

Requiring compensation to the owner of real property when government action causes a reduction in the use or exchange value of the property.

Provides that if any action by a government entity to change the land use or zoning status of real property causes at least a thirty percent reduction in the use or exchange value of that property, the property is considered to have been taken for the use of the public.

Provides that the owner of the property that is taken has a right to receive compensation for the reduction in value caused by the government entity's action.

Provides that, if, in an action under this act, a court awards compensation to a property owner, the court may also award reasonable attorneys' fees and costs to such property owner.

Declares that, if any action by a government entity results in a taking of property under this chapter and causes at least a thirty percent reduction in the full cash value of real property, the government entity's assessor or, if appropriate, the department of revenue shall reflect the reduction in valuation by reducing the assessed valuation of the property on the tax rolls as of the next valuation date.

Takes effect January 1, 2002.

Provides that, in the adoption of a rule under chapter 34.05 RCW, an agency shall prepare a takings analysis: (1) If the proposed rule will cause a reduction in the use or exchange value of any private property; or (2) if requested to do so by a majority vote of the joint administrative rules review committee within forty-five days of receiving the notice of proposed rule making under RCW 34.05.320.

-- 2001 2ND SPECIAL SESSION --

Jun 21 First reading, referred to State & Local Government.

SB 6211 by Senator Gardner

Harmonizing election procedure dates.

Revises election procedure dates.

-- 2001 3RD SPECIAL SESSION --

Jul 16 Rules suspended.
Held on first reading.

SB 6212 by Senators Honeyford and Deccio

Exempting heating, air conditioning, water heater, and household appliance installation and service from electrical licensing laws.

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-- 2001 3RD SPECIAL SESSION --

Jul 17 First reading, referred to Labor, Commerce & Financial Institutions.

SB 6213 by Senators T. Sheldon, Deccio and McCaslin

Preserving the blanket primary by advancing to the general election ballot the two candidates receiving the most votes regardless of political party affiliation.

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-- 2001 3RD SPECIAL SESSION --

Jul 17 First reading, referred to State & Local Government.

SB 6214 by Senators T. Sheldon, Honeyford, Sheahan, McCaslin and Deccio

Encouraging economic development in rural areas.

Recognizes the importance of addressing the geographic diversification of economic development within Washington. While economic development is causing problems in the Puget Sound region, it is desperately needed in rural Washington.

Declares an intent to encourage businesses to move to rural counties, providing both a solution to the congestion problem and a means to turn around the economies of rural Washington.

-- 2001 3RD SPECIAL SESSION --

Jul 17 Held on first reading.
Jul 18 First reading, referred to Transportation.

SB 6215 by Senators Rasmussen and Honeyford

Requiring that conservation district supervisor elections for positions that expire in calendar years 2001 and 2002 be held in accordance with chapter 89.08 RCW.

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-- 2001 3RD SPECIAL SESSION --

Jul 18 Rules suspended.
Held on first reading.

SB 6216 by Senators Honeyford, McCaslin, Hochstatter, Deccio, Hewitt, Long, Rossi, Benton, Horn, Parlette, Swecker, Hale, Sheahan, Oke, Stevens, Johnson, Finkbeiner, Zarelli, Morton and McDonald

Maintaining industrial insurance funds.

Provides that the department must fix basic premium rates that are the lowest necessary to maintain actuarial solvency of the accident and medical aid funds in accordance with recognized insurance principles, subject to the following: (1) If on June 30th of any year, the balance in the accident fund attributable to contingency reserve exceeds ten percent of the sum of actuarial loss estimates and other financial statement liabilities as of that June 30th, the department shall implement by September 1st of that year refunds to employers in a total amount that approximates the excess amount in the fund.

(2) If on June 30th of any year, the balance in the medical aid fund attributable to contingency reserve exceeds ten percent of the sum of actuarial loss estimates and other financial statement liabilities as of that June 30th, the department shall fix basic medical aid fund premium rates for the following calendar year at a level that will

reduce revenue to the medical aid fund in an amount that approximates the excess amount in the fund.

-- 2001 3RD SPECIAL SESSION --

Jul 20 First reading, referred to Labor, Commerce & Financial Institutions.

SB 6217 by Senators Honeyford, Rasmussen and T. Sheldon

Providing funding to review offstream water storage.

Appropriates the sum of five hundred thousand dollars, or as much thereof as may be necessary, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2002, from the general fund to the Sunnyside and Roza irrigation districts for the purposes of funding a feasibility study of the Blackrock and Wymer offstream storage site. The funds distributed under this section must be administered by the irrigation district's joint board of control.

-- 2001 3RD SPECIAL SESSION --

Jul 20 First reading, referred to Ways & Means.

SB 6218 by Senators Honeyford, Rasmussen and T. Sheldon

Providing a sales and use tax exemption for farming equipment.

Declares that the tax levied by RCW 82.08.020 does not apply to: (1) Sales of machinery and equipment used in a farming activity; and

(2) Sales of services or labor with respect to the construction, installation, repair, and maintenance of machinery and equipment used in a farming activity.

Declares that the provisions of chapter 82.12 RCW do not apply with respect to the use of machinery and equipment by a farmer.

-- 2001 3RD SPECIAL SESSION --

Jul 20 First reading, referred to Ways & Means.

SB 6219 by Senators Honeyford, Rasmussen and T. Sheldon

Providing tax relief for agricultural businesses.

Provides that, in computing the tax imposed under chapter 82.04 RCW, a credit is allowed for the amount of taxes otherwise due under this chapter for businesses essential to agriculture whose business substantially involves the sale of equipment or supplies to farmers, and the business has gross income from the business or gross proceeds from sales that have decreased because of the 2001 drought by seven percent or more from the same reporting period the year before.

-- 2001 3RD SPECIAL SESSION --

Jul 20 First reading, referred to Ways & Means.

SB 6220 by Senator Honeyford

Freezing the minimum hourly wage for agricultural labor.

Declares that every employer shall pay to each of his or her employees who has reached the age of eighteen years and who performs agricultural labor as defined in RCW 50.04.150 wages at a rate of not less than six dollars and seventy-two cents per hour.

-- 2001 3RD SPECIAL SESSION --

Jul 20 First reading, referred to Labor, Commerce & Financial Institutions.

SB 6221 by Senators Honeyford, Rasmussen and T. Sheldon

Providing a property tax exemption on farm land.

Provides that all real property owned by a farmer is exempt from property taxes levied for any state purpose if it is used exclusively in growing and producing agricultural products during the calendar year for which the claim for exemption is made.

Expires December 31, 2008.

-- 2001 3RD SPECIAL SESSION --

Jul 20 First reading, referred to Ways & Means.

SB 6222 by Senators Honeyford, Rasmussen and T. Sheldon

Providing funding for water conservation measures.

Appropriates the sum of two million dollars, or as much thereof as may be necessary, for the biennium ending June 30, 2003, from the water quality account to the department of ecology for grants to irrigation districts to implement water conservation measures and irrigation efficiency.

-- 2001 3RD SPECIAL SESSION --

Jul 20 First reading, referred to Ways & Means.

SB 6223 by Senators Honeyford, Rasmussen and T. Sheldon

Providing grants to farmers for crop damage relief.

Appropriates the sum of one million dollars, or as much thereof as may be necessary, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2002, from the general fund to the department of agriculture for grants to farmers whose crops were damaged by a storm event that resulted in a request for a federal disaster area declaration by the governor. Grant moneys are to be provided only to cover the costs of controlling pests and diseases on damaged crop land. The grants may be made only to farmers who sustained documented crop damage.

-- 2001 3RD SPECIAL SESSION --

Jul 20 First reading, referred to Ways & Means.

SB 6224 by Senators Honeyford, Rasmussen and T. Sheldon

Limiting the application of shoreline guidelines to agricultural activities.

Provides that the guidelines adopted by the department and master programs developed or amended by local governments according to RCW 90.58.080 shall not require modification of or limit agricultural activities occurring on agricultural lands or on lands that have been converted to use for new agricultural activities. Nothing in this provision limits or changes the terms of the current exception to the definition of substantial development in RCW 90.58.030(3)(e)(iv).

-- 2001 3RD SPECIAL SESSION --

Jul 20 First reading, referred to Natural Resources, Parks & Shorelines.

SB 6225 by Senators McCaslin, Carlson, Morton and T. Sheldon

Repealing mandatory replacement of license plates.
Repeals RCW 46.16.233.

-- 2001 3RD SPECIAL SESSION --

Jul 20 First reading, referred to Transportation.

Senate Joint Resolutions

SJR 8219 by Senators Swecker, Carlson, Oke and Roach

Declaring that property shall be considered to be taken for public use when a land use action causes at least a thirty percent reduction in value.

Proposes an amendment to the state Constitution declaring that property shall be considered to be taken for public use when a land use action causes at least a thirty percent reduction in value.

-- 2001 2ND SPECIAL SESSION --

Jun 21 First reading, referred to State & Local Government.

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